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Melanie Sloan, Executive Director Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington 1400 Eye Street NW Suite 450 Washington, DC 20005

RE: MUR 5926

Republican Party of Minnesota and David E. Sturrock, in his official capacity as treasurer Marina Taubenberger

Dear Ms. Sloan:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on July 15, 2007, concerning possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), and Commission regulations by the Republican Party of Minnesota and its treasurer, and Marina Taubenberger. After conducting an investigation in this matter, the Commission found that there was probable cause to believe the Republican Party of Minnesota and David E. Sturrock, in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b) and 441a(f), and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.5(a) and 106.7(f), pravisions of the Act and Commission regulations. On August 15, 2011, a conciliation agreement signed by the respondents was accepted by the Commission, thereby concluding the matter. In addition, on May 24, 2011, the Commission found that there is no reason to believe that Marina Taubenberger violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b). Accordingly, the Commission closed the file in this matter on August 15, 2011.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003) and Statement of Policy Regarding Placing First General Counsel's Reports on the Public Record, 74 Fed. Reg. 66,132 (Duc. 14, 2009). A copy of the agreement with the Republican Party of Minnesota and David E. Sturrock, in his official capacity

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as treasurer, is enclosed for your information. In addition, a copy of the Factual and Legal Analysis concerning Marina Taubenberger is enclosed.

Sincerely, Kasly S. Morgenheim

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Attorney

Enclosures
Conciliation Agreement
Factual and Legal Analysis